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**WOMAN SENTENCED FOLLOWING FEDERAL CRACK
COCAINE TRIAL OF CO-DEFENDANT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TAWANA FAIRLEY, 31, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced to eight months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to possession of "crack" cocaine with the intent to distribute. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Fairley had previously been a witness on behalf of the United States in the trial of her co-defendant, Walter Martin, on March 8, 2004, in Evansville. Martin was found guilty at trial.

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The indictment stems from a highway stop of Martin and FAIRLEY on U.S. Highway 41, in Gibson County, on June 5, 2003, wherein the defendants were found in possession of approximately 140 grams of cocaine base.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 1 year supervised release following Fairley's imprisonment.

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